

jobs. We need an economic stimulus package now that will lower the Federal tax burden and, thereby, increase incentives to work, to save, to invest, to start new small businesses, to hire new workers.

We need to create an environment of opportunity, to help people get back to work, because the people that I represent of the Lehigh Valley and the Upper Perkiomen Valleys of Pennsylvania, they do not want to know how long they can stay out of work; they want to know how quickly they can get back to work.

The President has proposed and the House has passed a meaningful, tax-lowering, back-to-work economic stimulus package. And what is the other Chamber doing? Instead of a real economic stimulus package, the majority party in the other Chamber has proposed a package mostly consisting of unproductive government spending.

Unbelievably, less than 30 percent of the Senate Democrats' stimulus bill, so-called stimulus bill, is dedicated to actually increasing any incentives for new job creation. Instead, there is all manner of new spending. There is an expansion of authority for Indian tribes to issue tax exempt private bonds, there are increases in subsidies to bison ranchers and pumpkin growers, there is a tax credit proposed for using poultry waste to produce electricity.

Mr. Speaker, this is not economic stimulus; it is pork barrel spending. We need real economic stimulus.

#### CONGRESS MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO SAFEGUARD AIRLINE SECURITY

(Ms. WATSON of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, our airline industry is vital to America's economic health. Our airlines not only employ over 1 million Americans, but they also provide the mobility upon which our modern economy and society is based.

In the wake of September 11, Congress passed a short-term boost for the airline industry. But the only way to ensure the long-term stability of our air transport system is to reassure the public that air travel is safe.

In contrast to the speed with which this Congress enacted the \$15 billion quick-fix for airlines, the House dragged its feet on passing an airline security bill.

This week, another aircraft accident has caused further alarm for the flying public. While there is no reason to believe terrorism was involved, Americans need assurances that air travel is safe.

Mr. Speaker, please urge the conferees to finish their work this week and give us an aviation security bill that, like the original Senate version, can be passed unanimously into law.

#### TIME TO FEDERALIZE AIRPORT SECURITY

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, we need airport security, we want airport security, and we must have airport security.

When I say that, I do not mean Argenbright Security. Did we ever hear a worse oxymoron than using the term "Argenbright" and "security" in the same sentence? How can one claim to be a security company and let a man get through with seven knives, a can of Mace, and a stun gun? That is not security.

How can airlines keep hiring this company? Southwest and United up in Baltimore just hired them again to manage their security. How can anyone put confidence in a company that has repeatedly been fined for violations? How can anyone put confidence in a company that either does not do background checks or does them in such a shoddy way that felons can slip through their screening? How can anyone put confidence in a company when they are hiring new immigrants from the Third World to do their security checking?

What we are doing is not working. We need a change. The first change we need is to recognize that airport security is a Federal responsibility. Now, whether they are all Federal employees or not is not the point, but it is a Federal responsibility.

The other body needs to stop stonewalling and negotiate in good faith and get us an airport security bill today. The American public is losing its patience.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members that they should not characterize actions of the other body.

#### GLARING INADEQUACIES IN AIRPORT SECURITY DEMAND FEDERALIZATION OF AIRPORT SCREENERS

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and too many Republicans are holding the airline security bill hostage. They refuse to federalize airport screeners.

September 11 revealed the glaring inadequacies in airline security. Since September 11, a passenger entered the cockpit of an airplane and attempted to attack the pilot. In another well-publicized incident, a passenger was allowed to get past screeners with seven knives, a can of Mace and a stun gun.

Just a few days ago, at Boston Logan International Airport, an Argenbright security guard left her checkpoint unattended for several minutes, allowing people to walk through unchecked.

The American public does not feel safe, and we should be ashamed of the fact that we cannot get an airline security bill passed in this House. Enough is enough. We should not go home until we get it done this weekend.

Mr. Speaker, I challenge all of the Members of the House, but particularly those who are holding up this issue based on whether or not they will agree to federalize those screeners, to stop the politicking, to stop playing with people's lives. Let us get on with airline security.

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#### URGING SENATE ACTION ON HUMAN CLONING BAN

(Mr. FERGUSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, time is running out. With each passing day, scientists come closer and closer to cloning a human being. Step-by-step, they are completing a process whereby human life, the most sacred of gifts, is cheapened and devalued through mass production.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleagues in the House for their hard work earlier this year in passing the Human Cloning Prohibition Act. But now is not the time to rest. Now is the time to continue our work and urge our Senate colleagues to listen to the voice of the American people and to vote to ban human cloning.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Senate's compromise to bring this bill to the floor in a few months. Unfortunately, the time line for cloning science is set to outpace our own schedule.

Therefore, I urge my Senate colleagues to act now to bring this bill to a vote and to outpace this unethical misuse of science that would demean nature's work and degrade human life.

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL G. MCGINTY OF FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

(Mr. WATT of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on yesterday, my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), and I announced, in the midst of all of the important other agendas that are going on in the House, an effort to pay tribute to all of the people who were killed in the September 11 disaster.

Today I rise to pay tribute to Michael G. McGinty, who, during his life in an Air Force family, moved many times. So when he and his wife, Cynthia, bought their first home in Foxboro, Massachusetts, he put down